

1 KAREN P. HEWITT
United States Attorney
2 CARLA J. BRESSLER
Assistant United States Attorney
3 California State Bar No. 134886
United States Attorney's Office
4 Federal Office Building
880 Front Street, Room 6293
5 San Diego, California 92101
Telephone: (619) 557-6763

6 Attorneys for Plaintiff
7 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

07CR2889-JLS

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)

Magistrate Case No. 07MJ2378

11 Plaintiff,)

12 v.)

**STIPULATION OF FACT AND JOINT
MOTION FOR RELEASE OF
MATERIAL WITNESS(ES) AND
ORDER THEREON**

13 JUAN COTA-CRUZ,)

14 Defendant.)

(Pre-Indictment Fast-Track Program)

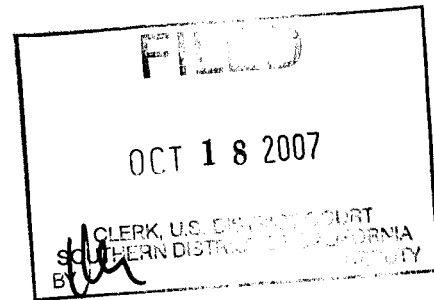
15
16 **IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED** between the plaintiff, UNITED STATES
17 OF AMERICA, by and through its counsel, Karen P. Hewitt, United States Attorney, and
18 Carla J. Bressler, Assistant United States Attorney, and defendant JUAN COTA-CRUZ, by and
19 through and with the advice and consent of defense counsel, Kathryn T. Leff, that:

20 1. Defendant agrees to execute this stipulation on or before the first preliminary hearing
21 date and to participate in a full and complete inquiry by the Court into whether defendant knowingly,
22 intelligently and voluntarily entered into it. Defendant agrees further to waive indictment and plead
23 guilty to the pre-indictment information charging defendant with a non-mandatory minimum count
24 of Bringing in Aliens Without Presentation and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 8 U.S.C.
25 § 1324(a)(2)(B)(iii) and 18 U.S.C. § 2.

26 //

27 //

28 CJB:es:10/9/07



2. Defendant acknowledges receipt of a plea agreement in this case and agrees to provide the signed, original plea agreement to the Government not later than five business days before the disposition date set by the Court.

3. Defendant agrees to plead guilty to the charge pursuant to the plea agreement on or before **November 5, 2007**.

4. The material witnesses, Maria Teresa Garcia-Lopez, Jesus Francisco Valenzuela-Garcia and Jesus Ruiz-Garcia, in this case:

a. Are aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

b. Entered or attempted to enter the United States illegally on or about October 4, 2007;

c. Were found in a vehicle driven by defendant at the San Ysidro, California Port of Entry (POE) and that defendant knew or acted in reckless disregard of the fact that they were aliens with no lawful right to enter or remain in the United States;

d. Were paying or having others pay on their behalf \$2,000 - \$3,000 to others to be brought into the United States illegally and/or transported illegally to their destination therein; and,

e. May be released and remanded immediately to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

5. After the material witnesses are ordered released by the Court pursuant to this stipulation and joint motion, if defendant does not plead guilty to the charge set forth above, for any reason, or thereafter withdraws his guilty plea to that charge, defendant agrees that in any proceeding, including, but not limited to, motion hearings, trial, sentencing, appeal or collateral attack, that:

a. The stipulated facts set forth in paragraph 4 above shall be admitted as substantive evidence;

b. The United States may elicit hearsay testimony from arresting agents regarding any statements made by the material witness(es) provided in discovery, and such

1 testimony shall be admitted as substantive evidence under Fed. R. Evid. 804(b)(3) as statements
2 against interest of (an) unavailable witness(es); and,

3 c. Understanding that under Crawford v. Washington, 124 S. Ct. 1354 (2004),
4 "testimonial" hearsay statements are not admissible against a defendant unless defendant confronted
5 and cross-examined the witness(es) who made the "testimonial" hearsay statements, defendant
6 waives the right to confront and cross-examine the material witness(es) in this case.

7 6. By signing this stipulation and joint motion, defendant certifies that defendant has
8 read it (or that it has been read to defendant in defendant's native language). Defendant certifies
9 further that defendant has discussed the terms of this stipulation and joint motion with defense
10 counsel and fully understands its meaning and effect.


11 Based on the foregoing, the parties jointly move the stipulation into evidence and for the
12 immediate release and remand of the above-named material witness(es) to the Department of
13 Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

14 It is STIPULATED AND AGREED this date.


15 Respectfully submitted,

16 KAREN P. HEWITT
United States Attorney


17
18 Dated: 10/18/07

19 
CARLA J. BRESSLER
Assistant United States Attorney

20
21 Dated: 10/18/07

22 
KATHRYN T. LEFT
Defense Counsel for Cota-Cruz

23
24 Dated: 10/18/07

25 
JUAN COTA-CRUZ
Defendant

ORDER


Upon joint application and motion of the parties, and for good cause shown,

THE STIPULATION is admitted into evidence, and,

IT IS ORDERED that the above-named material witness(es) be released and remanded forthwith to the Department of Homeland Security for return to their country of origin.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: 10/18/2007.


United States Magistrate Judge